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BISHOP LAUPER HEADS NEW FLOCK

Bishop Serge J. Lauper, formerly of Diamond Ward was set apart as bishop of Sunset ward in San Francisco Stake by Apostle Stephen L. Richards during the November conference of that Stake. Bishop Lauper succeeds Bishop Charles W. White who had presided over that ward since prior to the division of Oakland and San Francisco Stakes. Bishop White, together with his counselors, Floyd J. Griffith and A. Raymond Christensen, and ward clerk Joseph J. Lee, were given an honorable release for their long period of faithful and capable service.



Serge J. Lauper

The new counselors are Claude T. Lindsay and Dr. Malcolm Merrill, and the new clerk is Wesley Odell.

Bishop Lauper and his associates take over the reins of the ward at a time when it is in the throes of a campaign for its new home, destined to be the first L. D. S. built chapel in the city of San Francisco. The Church already owns the property where San Francisco ward is housed, the chapel being an old building recently remodelled. The Sunset ward chapel will be entirely new and will be headquarters for the Stake as well as the ward. A beautiful lot has already been acquired in the Sunset district, and the plans for the building virtually completed. Bishop Lauper is well qualified from experience and ability to direct the task of transforming the plans into reality.

BERKELEY WARD MEMBERS GET DIRECTORY

Thanks to the untiring efforts of President J. Edward Johnson, a directory containing the names of every member, big and little, of Berkeley ward has recently been completed and distributed to the members, and to all stake officers. There are some 760 names in the directory.

This directory will be used among other things, as a guide in ward teaching which is under the supervision of President Johnson. There was a report for the month of October showing 100% on ward teaching. Attendance at various meetings is already showing the results of this splendid effort. A spirit of close, fraternal brotherhood is being fostered as never before. Teachers have received instructions that their first assignment is to become personally acquainted with every man, woman and child upon their list, to be able to call them each by their Christian name, and to search them out and greet them at each ward meeting.

Accompanying the directory is a letter to the ward membership outlining a plan to keep the directory up to date, and promising to soon distribute a similar directory of all general and Stake officials.

FLYING SQUADRON VISITS OAKLAND AREA

Church Authorities Seek Increased Participation in Scouting

Headed by Apostle Melvin J. Ballard, the "flying squadron" of Church leaders who have been travelling all over the Church in the interest of the Boy Scouts of America visited the Oakland area and held a most enthusiastic meeting on Monday evening, November 22, attended by members of Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento and Gridley Stakes. Others in the party were George Q. Morris, general superintendent of the Y. M. M. I. A., Oscar Kirkham, executive secretary of the M. I. A., and John D. Giles, field secretary of the M. I. A.

Each of these distinguished leaders addressed the meeting, explaining the Church's attitude and relationship to scouting, and the importance of the movement in training of future citizens and Church members.

Apostle Ballard spoke first and also concluded the meeting. He stated that thus far the Mormon Church had led every other sponsoring body in securing the highest percentage of its eligibles as enrolled, active scouts. It was the first to reach the national goal of one out of each four boys; and now that the national average has reached that figure, the Mormon average is two out of every four boys, and the "flying squadron" is anxious to see that increased to four out of every four. The Oakland area, comprising the four Stakes of Northern California is slightly under the present Church average. "Scouting is not merely optional in the Church — it is a vital part of the program," said Apostle Ballard. "It is as important to create scout troops within the Church, under Church leaders, as it is to create Sunday school classes for the boys. Each year there are four times as many children born within the Church as there are converts from the outside. The M. I. A. is the rescue mission of the Church. Boys are reasonably safe up to 12 years of age, but then begins the period of danger."

"You must capture these boys to keep them," he said, "and if you are going to do that you must prepare for it." Next to choosing the bishop of a ward, the most important posts in the ward are those of its boy leaders. Our greatest weakness, he said, is the lack of trained men.

John D. Giles next addressed the group on the organization and correlation of the work between the M. I. A., Sunday school and priesthood quorums. He said that scouting is the only program from outside the Church which the Church has ever accepted. It was brought to the United States from Great Britain in 1910, and ever since then there have been some Church troops. The Church started scouting independently in 1911, and in 1913 it had the distinction of being the very first religious body in the entire world to officially affiliate with the National Council. Later it developed the vanguard program for the older boys, and in 1928 scouting and vanguard work were made the official activities of the Aaronic priesthood quorums. In 1931

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VARIETY SPICE IN AUSTRALIAN MISSIONARY'S LIFE

Cycling, thumbing and shank's-ponying mile after mile is all in the day's work for the missionary in Australia—and then, a cool duck fully dressed in twenty feet of salt water is added as a sort of special thrill. Such at least is the story Elder Grant Tolman writes to his dad and mother, or to be more accurate, partly writes them. It seems he keeps something back, for example the fact that he has been made president of the Sydney District, the largest in the entire mission; they were left to find this out from others.



Grant Tolman

Until quite recently Grant was situated in Adelaide, around a thousand miles from where he now is. Previous to that he was president of the Tasmania District for some eight months, approximately 2000 miles from where he now is. In going to his various assignments he has exercised his curiosity for new sights and succeeded in covering in rather unconventional manner (conventional, he says, for the missionary) many miles. When he reached Sydney upon his last assignment he was made District President, and it is expected he will remain there until released to come home early in January.

It was in Sydney that he had his salt water experience. With some others he went out on a small motor boat to see some departing companions off for home. Somehow in negotiating the distance between the boat and the deck of the steamer he lost his footing. The law of gravity did the rest.

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SPECIAL M. MEN, AARONIC PRIESTHOOD CONVENTION DECEMBER 12

A special convention has been called for the Aaronic Priesthood and M. Men to be held at the Oakland chapel Sunday, December 12. There will be representatives of general authorities present, and all northern California stakes will participate.

The M. Men convention is scheduled for 9 A.M. Sunday morning. The Aaronic priesthood convention will follow in the afternoon at 2 P.M.

Those requested to be present at these meetings are: The Stake presidency, high councilors, all bishoprics; Stake and ward superintendency of M. I. A.; Stake superintendency of Sunday schools; at least one representative of each ward Sunday school superintendency; Stake and ward M. Men supervisors, leaders and coaches; all M. Men officers, both Stake and ward; Aaronic priesthood quorum supervisors and leaders in both Stake and wards; and all Sunday School and M. I. A. priesthood leaders, both Stake and ward.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and
he will prepare the way before me; and the
Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to
his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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EDITORIAL

With this issue of the Messenger, those
in charge of the editorial department will
have rounded out one year of service. It has
been a year of many changes in the Stake,
and of rather hard, though enjoyable, work.
This issue also marks the completion of
full seven years in the life of the Messenger,
which with the January number will be
eight years of age.

What changes, what growth, those seven
years have seen! And no small part, we
think, has been that played by this little
paper. It has been the ambition of those
responsible to make The Messenger the
connecting link between our members and
to have it reach those who might be inter-
ested but not actively affiliated. It was not
created just to have another paper. The
world is already full of publications, per-
haps too many of them. There is already too
much duplication and waste without our
adding to it.

But there was need for the connecting
link among our people here, a source of
news and messages of a religious and fra-
ternal nature—news and messages which
could be widely circulated in no other way.
To fill that need President MacDonald was
inspired to create this paper, and from that
day to this its goal has never changed. Its
only excuse is to supply that which would
not otherwise be supplied, and when it
ceases to do that its reason for existence
will have disappeared.

The present staff have been faithful to
that idea. How successful they have been is
not for them to say; but it has been a real
pleasure for every member of the staff to
see the popularity and demand for the
Messenger grow, to see it increase in size,
circulation and quality of content, to see
more and more people become interested in
it.

HIGH COUNCIL, MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

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Berkeley: C. C. Carr, Grace Elliott.
Dimond: Don C. Wood, Ed. Kingsford.
Elmhurst: Delbert F. Wright, Reed Chase.
Hayward: Ray H. Fisher, Robert T. Paine.
Martinez: O. Leslie Stone, John M. Telford.
Oakland: Claude Dewsnup, Oscar Fontano.
Richmond: Don J. Alphin, Stanley Dahlin.
Vallejo: Victor J. Lindblad, Elmo Carr.

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STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We wish to take this opportunity to
extend to every Latter Day Saint in
the Oakland Stake the greetings of the
season. We most earnestly wish and pray
that each of you are enjoying the bless-
ings of Our Heavenly Father in rich
abundance, and that you are also recog-
nizing Him as the giver.

Most precious of all gifts and blessings
which we have received is the priceless
gift of eternal life which is made avail-
able to each of us through the atonement
of Christ the author of our salvation.
His marvelous life and teachings are
brought forcefully before us at this holi-
day season. Let us ponder well in its
deep significance.

We wish also to express our sincere
thanks and appreciation to the loyal and
devoted workers who are working to
advance this great cause. We recommend
for the earnest consideration of everyone
this modern day scripture: "If thou
lovest me thou shalt serve me and keep
all my commandments." Doc. & Cov.
42:29. Each of us has "put his hand
to the plow" and there must be no
turning back or slaking our vigilance.

It is now a good time as the year is
drawing to a close to take stock of our-
selves in the light of what the Lord
here says. What do our records show?
What does your individual record show?
Before the year closes can you not
do something to improve it? Are we
actually striving with all our "might,
mind and soul" to order our lives in
keeping with the mighty truth which
we have covenanted to cherish and
obey? To the extent that our lives are
made to conform to the principles of
the gospel will we really enjoy that
"peace which passeth understanding."

May this enduring peace be the rich
possession of every member of Oakland
Stake of Zion!

Most sincerely your brethern,
Eugene Hilton
W. Glenn Harmon
Clyde J. Summerhays.

M.I.A. TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

A rollicking, frolicking, wholesome, high-
spirited New Year's Eve party, designed
to take care of our own in our own way, is
sponsored by the Stake M. I. A. for the
Berkeley recreation hall December 31st.

It will be the first of what is hoped may
become annual affairs. It has been rightly
felt that our young people could not afford,
either morally, spiritually or financially,
the type of indulgence and dissipation which
has become all too common on this occasion.
Nor should they be left to their own devices.
Such dissipation is not necessary to have a
really good time. Wholesomeness and high
spirits have much in common, and are the
aim of the recreation program of the M.
I. A.

The New Year's party will commence at
9 P. M. The finest of music has been ob-
tained, and there will be balloons, confetti
and everything it takes to make a really
good time. Dancing for those who desire will
continue until 2 A. M., after which there
will be opportunity for various groups to
arrange supper or breakfast parties.

The Stake recreational season was ushered
in with a highly successful Thanksgiving
eve Utah-Idaho ball at the Scottish Rite
auditorium. A huge crowd attended and
enjoyed themselves amid the beautiful
decorations.

Flying Squadron Visits Oakland

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Aaronic priesthood leaders were made scout
leaders. Now, however, the movement has
grown so much that it has become ad-
visable to have separate leaders, though
their work is still correlated. Scouting and
exploring are still Priesthood activities but
have separate leaders who are part of the
M. I. A.

Superintendent Morris sounded the key-
note of the whole program. "We are mobi-
lizing the manhood of the Church to pre-
serve the boyhood of the Church." "Scouting
is a part of mutual," he said, "we want
the boys definitely a part of the Tuesday
evening work." In fact every speaker stressed
this fact, their attention having been
drawn to the practice in many wards of
having scout meetings on different evenings
of the week.

Oscar Kirkham, who, like Apostle George
Albert Smith, has won international recog-
nition for outstanding contributions to the
program, pointed out the marvelous op-
portunity for missionary work. "We are
a people of destiny," he said, "We have
tremendous responsibilities. We are not
ordinary; we are different; we have a Divine
mission. Let's live to be a party to it." There
are some 245,000 men in scouting in
the United States, and 1,000,000 boys.
It is our job to get it into the hearts of
the boys that service of God is the greatest
privilege. We have no time to do battle
with others who may also be engaged in the
cause of Christ. There are so many who do
not accept Him at all, we should join hands
to bring them to the light. "Scouting is a
great power for peace," he said, and then
pointed in vivid pictures some of the things
that happened at the great jamboree in
Europe.

The meeting was presided over by Pres-
ident Hilton, who expressed in behalf of all
the Stakes the gratitude of the people for
the work and the visit of these leaders. Un-
doubtedly the program will receive inval-
uable stimulation from their work.

STAKE BOOK DEPOSITORY HAS MANY XMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

There are available many books, both
old and new, suitable for gifts to friends,
relatives. These may be had at lowest
prices through the Book Depository at the
Oakland chapel, supervised by I. B. Ball.

Following are a few of many suggestions:
By John Henry Evans, "Step a Little
Higher;" "Charles C. Rich, Pioneer;" "Jos-
eph Smith;" Story of Utah;" "Heart of
Mormonism;" Messages and Characters of
the Book of Mormon." By Orson Pratt,
"Wonders of the Universe," containing
sermons and lectures on astronomy not be-
fore available; "Key to the Universe." Among
the very new ones are: "God's
Covenant Race" by Anderson; "Romance
of the Book of Mormon" by Hickman;
"United Order Among the Mormons;" "Or-
ganization of 13 Churches;" "Life of Frank-
lin D. Richards."

Many additional books are on display in
the book case at the Oakland chapel.

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WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE

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Squaring Our Accounts With The Lord

There is still left of the year 1937 enough
time, for those who earnestly desire to do so,
to square accounts with the Lord. There is
still time in which to check back over the
year and determine whether or not we have
met our obligations in full.

The obligations to our Father in Heaven
are of three kinds or classes: There are honor
accounts, duty accounts, and financial ac-
counts.

As Latter-Day Saints, we have honor ac-
counts. We have been taught the truths of
the Gospel, the standards of the Church, and
our obligations as members of the Church,
and we have been given our free agency—
placed upon our honor—either to obey the
Gospel, or to violate its teachings. Unpaid
honor accounts can be settled only by true
repentance and a determination to make up
for past failings by full observance in the
future.

Duty accounts are those which place upon
us the obligation to do the things required
of us in our Church relationship. Every mem-
ber has individual duties, family duties, and
Church duties. A check of the past year will
remind us of duty obligations which are un-
fulfilled. Here again only true repentance
and a determination to make up in the com-
ing years for remissions of the past can
repay the obligations of duty.

Financial obligations include tithing, fast
offerings, ward maintenance, and other con-
tributions of money for Church purposes.
At the end of the year is a suitable and ap-
propriate time to check back and learn whether
or not we have met our financial obligations
to the Lord. There is still time in which to
make amends for failure to meet these obli-
gations.

As a New Year approaches, the best way
to greet it with promise of success, happiness,
and satisfaction, is to meet it with a clear
conscience—with a knowledge of having met
the obligations of the past year to the very
best of our ability. (December Era, p. 702.
It will be well for teachers to read further
on the responsibilities of the Ward Teacher.)

STAKE MISSIONARIES

Two full-time missionaries have been as-
signed to work in Oakland Stake by Pres-
ident MacDonald of the California mission.
They have now been here several weeks and
are getting a good start. They are Elder
M. Smith Passey, a native of Idaho, and
Elder J. Roscoe Hunt, from Utah. Living
quarters for them have been fitted up
in the Berkeley chapel.

They are actively cooperating with the
Stake missionaries in tracting, visiting and
cottage meetings. They are also taking part
in the current series of investigator's meet-
ings being rotated among the various wards.
These meetings are drawing a great number
of strangers as the result of the distribution
of a great number of printed circulars.

The semi-annual Stake missionary con-
ference was held at Oakland on November
22nd, with attendance of all missionaries
excepting four who were officially excused.

Vern Cragun On Road to Recovery

Vern Cragun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal
Cragun of Elmhurst, who suffered fractures
of his neck in two places when bathing at
Long Beach last summer has been staging a
most remarkable recovery. He was injured
when he dove into a wave, and the injury
was severely aggravated when the ambu-
lance attendants carelessly dropped him while
placing him on a stretcher.

For over three weeks he was unconscious.
Doctors had little hope for his recovery;
his body was paralyzed from the neck down.

He has been steadily getting better, how-
ever and is now able to feed himself and
do many things. His parents have great
faith that within a year he will be com-
pletely recovered. The accident was doubly
unfortunate for the Craguns because a
short time prior thereto Mrs. Cragun had
sustained serious injuries in an automobile
accident.

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Variety Is Spice In Australian Missionary's Life

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Since then his companions have given him
little rest, though it is recorded that they
condescended to fish him out of the briny
deep.

His trip from Adelaide was quite inter-
esting, though windy. He says: "After I
had sent my trunk and suitcase on to
Sydney by boat I shook hands with the
fellows at 142 and walked downtown to
catch the tram to the main highway. Believe
me, I felt mighty sad leaving a place and
people I had learned to love with the
thought I'd likely never see the place again.
I was sorry it wasn't a nice day when
I left because I wanted to leave there with
the picture in my mind as it generally is.
Unfortunately the morning was overcast
and a stiff so'easter was kicking up the dust.

"I walked along the road a short distance
and the first car that came along took
me to the next town of any size, Murray
Bridge, population 5,000, beautifully situ-
ated on a small plateau above the banks
of the famous Murray river. The river is
known all over the commonwealth for its
beauty . . . and is fringed from the bridge
to beyond Adelaide with thousands of
weeping willow trees. . . . After I had a bite
to eat I started exercising my thumb and
before long I was given a ride for about
thirty miles. . . . I turned right and started
walking southward along the Princess high-
way. I wanted to see more country. It
is about 100 miles farther this way but
I'm glad I came now for a number of reasons
as you'll see later. I received a few short
rides until I came to a small one-shay
town on the seashore. I spent the night
there at the hotel. I was plenty tired be-
cause I had walked a long way and the
weather had turned right down disagree-
able. There was the persistent wind to
contend with and now that I had reached
the open country it became colder and much
stronger.

"For a half hour or so I lay cosily
snuggled between the sheets of a luxu-
riously soft bed and listened to the whining
of the wind through the eaves of the
house, dreamily thinking over the events
of the day. Soon that, combined with fatigue
and the distant roar of the surf brought
slumber. . . .

"The following day the wind still contin-
ued. . . though it had shifted to my back
and made walking much easier. I would
rather have dispensed with that aid be-
cause it was still aggravatingly cold and
flying particles of sand and dust made my
eyes sting and smart. . . . Until towards
evening it seemed that this was my unlucky
day. Car after car whizzed past me with-
out the occupants even glancing in my
direction. It seemed that I was an outcast.
It was some 25 miles to the first hint of
civilization, and that was only a road house.
By the time I reached it I had walked
for 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.; I had become
foot sore and weary as well as ravenously
hungry, so I entered the house and ordered,
but all they had was cold meat. But it
tasted mighty good, and after downing
that and lapping up a cup of hot cocoa
I felt like a new man and continued walking
along the road enjoying the scenery afresh. . . .

This section of the country is really
beautiful. The nature of the vegetation
is different than any I had ever seen. . . .
Interspersed were hundreds of small inlets
penetrating inland in all sorts of shapes
and for varied distances. To the south were
the most peculiar mountain formations I
had ever seen in my life. They didn't
exceed a thousand feet high, but they were
mountains of sand and their white, glisten-
ing sides with a fringe of trees a short
way up. . . . presented a beautiful sight.
" . . . About three miles further on I
came to some soft beds. . . . there I saw
about 15 kangaroo make for the inland

at breakneck speed. Something had fright-
ened them, and shading my eyes I saw an
automobile tearing down the road in my
direction. I hailed it. . . . it came to a
grinding stop. I felt so happy that I could
have yelled . . . dashed down the road
at a gallop. . . . hopped in. . . a new Auburn
and what a beauty! . . . driven by a chaf-
feur and a prosperous looking man sat at
his side. . . very amiable and genial. . .
soon discussing everything in general. He
was well educated. . . interesting to listen
to. . . told me a lot about the country we
were travelling through. . .

"At Mt. Gambier. . . we stopped. . . small
cafe. . . drove on. I had told him previously
who I was and after we had travelled on
in silence for some time he said 'Could
you tell me something about the life of
Christ—I've wanted to learn a little of
Him but it seems as though I've never
taken the time to find out.' I was only
too thrilled to do so. . . he scrambled over
the front seat into the back with me in
a most unconventional manner. . . the next
couple hours devoted to religious discussion
 . . . an intelligent listener. . . would stop
me and question some of the statements
I made. . . One of the most interesting
discussions I had ever been a party to. . .
told him about the Book of Mormon. . .
promised to give him one. In exchange
is going to present me with the Life of
Sidney Kidman, world famous Australian
cattle king. . . . He said if I'd stay (in Aus-
tralia) a year or so longer he'd give me
a job. . . arrange a trip northward from
Adelaide through the interior clear to Dar-
win (Amelia Earhart left from there) and
then down the east coast through Queens-
land."

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MESSENGER CIRCULATION TO INCREASE

Coincident with the January number of the Messenger, which is number one of Volume VIII, and in keeping with the rapid growth of the Stake, a new method of circulation will be inaugurated which is expected to practically double present circulation immediately. Instead of distribution as in the past at fast services for those who attend only, copies will be mailed to each home to reach there the Saturday before fast service.

In preparation for this change, which entails a tremendous amount of volunteer labor, a circulation department has been created, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Orth. They have almost completed a tentative mailing list designed to include the head of each family (and persons living alone). Addressograph equipment is being purchased and installed and will be ready for use early in December.

The plan calls for monthly revision of the mailing list. It will thus give to the Stake and to every ward something which will be of vital use. Copies undeliverable through the mails will be returned to the circulation department each month, whereupon the bishops concerned will be promptly notified, and will, through their ward teachers or other designated medium, check up on the subscriber, determine the new address and report back. Bishops will also notify the circulation department each month of new arrivals.

It is expected that the first mailing list will contain a rather large percentage of errors and omissions. For that reason patience of subscribers is requested along with their cooperation. If for any reason you suspect that your address is wrong on your ward record, or if you think it has been omitted, or if you know of anyone who is omitted, please report it to your bishop, and please drop a postal card with the correct information to Mr. Bert Orth, Hotel St. Mark, Oakland.

M MEN BASKET BALL

Because of their impressive wins over Alameda and Elmhurst the Dimond ward M Men are leading the Stake basket ball league, with Alameda second in line with only one loss. Berkeley and Oakland are in a tie for third position, as a result of a 40 to 39 win for Berkeley in their last game. Oakland was allowed two free foul throws after the game was called but did not score on either of them. The team standings and percents are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Percent
Dimond	2	0	1.000
Alameda	2	1	.666
Berkeley	1	1	.500
Oakland	1	1	.500
Elmhurst	0	3	.000

As a general rule the games have been close with some good basket ball being played. The games are played at the Emery High school, at 47th and San Pablo Avenue. The schedule for the rest of the season follows:

December 8, Berkeley vs. Alameda and Elmhurst vs. Dimond; December 15, Oakland vs. Berkeley and Elmhurst vs. Alameda; December 22, Oakland vs. Alameda and Berkeley vs. Dimond; January 5, Oakland vs. Dimond and Berkeley vs. Elmhurst; January 10, Oakland vs. Elmhurst and Alameda vs. Dimond; January 12, Berkeley vs. Alameda and Elmhurst vs. Dimond.

January 19, Oakland vs. Berkeley and Elmhurst vs. Alameda; January 26, Oakland vs. Alameda and Berkeley vs. Dimond; February 2, Oakland vs. Dimond and Berkeley vs. Elmhurst.

M.I.A. CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All the gladness and joy of another Merry Christmas will be expressed in a Music Festival to be held in the Oakland Chapel Sunday, December 19, at 7:30 P. M. This is a Stake event in which singers, story tellers, and musicians from every ward will participate. A chorus of more than a hundred voices will sing anthems and carols. A very beautiful tableau has been prepared and the chapel will be beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas spirit. The Wards will dispense with their regular Sunday evening services in order that everyone may attend this Christmas Festival.

PROGRAM

Prelude	
March	Organ, Norma Bryan
Anthem	Chorus
Where Christmas Lasts a Year	Clark Hughes
Instrumental, Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano	James Dean, Director
Christmas Story	Phyllis Farr
Christmas Carols	Chorus
Trumpet Effects	Easton Willey
Anthem	Chorus
Directors—Orthella Hughes, Easton Willey	
Organist—Norma Bryan	

WARD NEWS

ELMHURST

O. Leslie Stone, of the High Council, J. C. Stirrat, Stake superintendent of Sunday Schools and Reed Chase, of the Stake Missionaries, were the speakers at our Ward Conference. We had a large attendance at both the morning and evening sessions. Fine reports were given of all the organizations.

The Relief Society held a very successful apron sale in conjunction with the Ward dance on November 19th. Everyone present spent an enjoyable evening.

Manton Moody has been released with a vote of thanks for his fine work as 1st assistant in the Sunday school superintendency. L. C. Eggertz was advanced from 2nd assistant to 1st assistant and Ronald Cheney was sustained as 2nd assistant.

A stork shower was held at the home of Mrs. M. Moody in honor of Mrs. S. Coombs.

Mrs. Jessie Stock has been sustained as 2nd counselor in the primary organization.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kay Shreeve, of Ogden Utah, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Iven Pearson.

Mrs. Margaret Marchant has been selected as the literary teacher in the Relief Society.

A group of young people spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Vaun Moody on November 9, in honor of Vaun's birthday.

Mrs. R. Jackson is the new social service teacher for the Relief Society.

Mrs. Calvin Cragun took a trip to Los Angeles to attend the wedding of Bishop A. S. Wilkinson's daughter, who is Mrs. Cragun's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brown of Murray, Utah, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilson. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of Mrs. Neilson.

Dr. M. P. Ream received a letter from Dr. Beulah Ream, who is now Mrs. Allen, she is well and is taking up her practice in Manila.

We welcome Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mrs. Clara McHanry, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Williams to the Ward.

BERKELEY

The Austin Pipe Organ is the type of organ finally decided upon for Berkeley Chapel. The committee, consisting of Bishop P. W. Dunyon, John Y. Smith, Heber Russell, and Karleton Driggs, made this selection after careful consideration of many makes. It is so constructed that new units can be added from time to time. Construction and installation are to be completed within the next four months. Alexander Schriener, organist for the Salt Lake Tabernacle, will be the guest artist at the first concert on the new instrument.

The M. I. A. will present a play this Tuesday (Dec. 7) entitled, "A Prince There Was." Harold Gaisford and Melvin Passey will take the leading parts. Admission is 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. As it is to raise money for the organ, it is hoped that a great number of people will attend.

"Lambda Delta Sigma" is the name decided on temporarily for the class consisting of lower division college and high school students. Meetings are held Sunday nights. Warren Carr is president.

Coming as a surprise to the members of Berkeley Ward is the announcement of the marriage of Weston Loyd and Jean Murdock. The ceremony was performed last June in Salt Lake.

November 20 was the date of the wedding of Louis Fowls and Olga Lott. It took place at the home of Von T. Ellsworth, Bishop Erickson officiating. Mrs. Ellsworth was the matron of honor, and Milton Lott best man. Trillis Ellsworth furnished music for the event.

Betty Jane Wiseman was presented in a Musicales at the Berkeley Ward Chapel Sunday, November 14, by Orthella Hughes. The numbers were very well accepted and Betty Jane shows promise of a fine pianist. The Church History Class entertained Betty and at the Musicales, acted as ushers. During the afternoon punch and wafers were served in the Lounge, with class members acting

as hosts and hostesses.

E. H. Coltrin who has been very ill is on the road to recovery.

The LeRoy Gardners are enjoying a visit from LeRoy's father.

Luther Eggertson was a recent visitor. He has been attending the university.

Price Ball and Kenneth Mahl are reported as enjoying their work in Phoenix, Arizona.

Richard W. Young and Reuben T. Evans recently returned from Washington D. C.

Miss Emily Merrill will leave for Salt Lake City December 11 where she will be married to Datus Hammond, a former member of the Berkeley Ward.

VALLEJO

Vallejo Ward is growing. Mr. and Mrs. J. Myron Telford are the proud parents of a baby boy, born at the Vallejo General Hospital November 8th. Mrs. Telford is now convalescing at her home.

On November 14, the Vallejo Ward Sunday school was re-organized the following officers being sustained, Supt. Elbert E. Taylor, 1st Assistant Vern S. Oakey, 2nd Assistant J. Leroy Murdock, with the other officers intact.

Ward Conference, held November 21, was pronounced by all a most enjoyable day. We were favored with the presence of Don C. Wood and W. J. Nielsen Stake High Council Officers who were representing the Stake Presidency, and hope to enjoy another visit from them in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Henderson former members now residing in Stockton were visitors at our Sunday morning session of Conference.

On November 22nd Bishop Alvin C. Cheshire united in marriage Thomas Ellis Edwards and Orrilla Brierley, formerly of Provo, Utah.

DIMOND

The Harvest Ball given under the auspices of the Mutual officers, Friday evening November 19, was a successful affair. However, more of our members should patronize these parties and encourage our new officers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Madsen of Fairview, Utah are visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rex McKean. Mr. McKean recently assumed the responsibility of ward clerk.

Sarah Summerhays, Primary Superintendent wishes to thank her officers and teachers for their splendid co-operation in helping to make the Primary Conference a success. Sunday evening November 14; they had cause to be very proud of the children.

Mrs. Ella Chase returned to Oakland last week after an extended visit in Utah with relatives.

The Ward reunion and Bazaar held Saturday afternoon and evening, December 4, was a marvellous success. It was sponsored by the bishopric, and every organization displayed a great deal of enthusiasm. Besides the lovely handmade things, the practical

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OAKLAND

Carl Fielding has been released from his position in the Sunday School Superintendency, and has taken charge of the Genealogy Department of the Oakland Ward.

Rulon Doxey has taken Carl Fielding's place in the Sunday School.

Isabel Nielsen has returned from a six month's stay in Salt Lake City, and Huey is busy getting acquainted with his new son.

Oakland Ward is sponsoring two "Book of Mormon Clubs"—held after the Sacrament Meeting. The young people, under the direction of Elwin Bagley, meet at the various homes while Bishop Shields conducts the older people's class in the chapel.

Sterling Aldridge and family have moved to Portland, Oregon. Mr. Aldridge sold his business here and has joined his brother-in-law, Glen Watts, in Portland.

Carol Oliver and her mother are back in Oakland after spending five years in Chicago. Her many friends will enjoy her stay here.

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MARTINEZ

Mrs. Felt, of Ogden, was a recent visitor here at the home of her daughter Mrs. Le Grande Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Easton of Kemmerer, Wyoming, who were recently married in the Salt Lake Temple, spent several days in Martinez visiting at the home of Andrew Easton, a brother.

Bishop and Mrs. Lynn Healey of Magna, Utah, have returned to their home after a week spent at the W. B. Knowles home. Mrs. Healey and Mrs. Knowles are sisters.

A surprise stork shower was given by Mrs. Audie Johnson and Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth at the Johnson home in honor of Mrs. Roberta Storey, who received many beautiful gifts. The evening was spent playing games and refreshments were served.

A circus was held October 29th in place of the regular costume and masquerade ball for Hallowe'en and was voted a huge success by all the hundred who attended. George Barber was general chairman.

The Primary conference was held November 14th. Stake officers attending were the Mesdames Woods, Cooley and Hart.

Ward Conference was held November 21. Clyde J. Summerhays of the Stake Presidency and John J. Kest of the High Council were in attendance.

Mrs. Elsie Nix and her little daughter, Michelle, have both been ill. Everyone hopes to see them out again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Guymon and family spent several days visiting with relatives in Sacramento.

Several members of the Ward spent Thanksgiving out of town, the Knowles family in San Francisco, the Bernards family in San Rafael, the Bradbury family in Sacramento, the Easton family in San Jose, the Hipwells in Vallejo, and the Culens family in Alameda.

ALAMEDA

Alameda Ward Conference was held Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Don J. Allphin and Claude M. Dewsnip of the Stake High Council, both meetings were well attended and very good reports were made by heads of the organizations.

The M Men and Gleaner Girls enjoyed an informal party at the home of Roy Minson on November 17.

The Relief Society held a Social at the Hall in connection with work day meeting on November 8. Bingo was played and a desert luncheon followed.

Bishop and Mrs. L. H. Crandall enjoyed a week in Utah with Mr. Crandall's mother and family and friends. Two days were spent in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Rulon Knowles are in Utah visiting friends and relatives.

The members of the Sunday School class taught by Charles Lofthouse enjoys a party given by him or some member of the class each month. The party this month was given in the home of Nathaniel Nations.

The M. I. A. had a Good-Time Party (Hallowe'en) on November 1 in the Hall, a large crowd of young folks had a delightful evening.

We are very proud of our Basketball team this year which is being coached by M Men leader Clare Hunt.

Mrs. Effie Gilbert gave a dinner-party for all of the Primary officers, teachers and children in honor of the birthday of her grand-daughter, Hazel Marie Bhoemore.

Alameda Ward will serve a Building Fund Dinner to be held at the Hall on December 10th; dinner will be served between 5:30 and 8 P. M. All are invited, the price will be \$1.00 per plate.

We welcome to our ward Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fishburn and family. Mr. Fishburn is a former Bishop of Brigham City. Also we welcome the J. Radahangh and family from Long Beach, California.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, Oakland, a daughter, October 9.
To Mr. and Mrs. Garney Johnson, Oakland, a son, October 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Franke, Alameda, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. Myron Telford, Vallejo, a son, November 8.

BLESSINGS:

Donald Lawrence Dutro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dutro, Berkeley, November 7.
Ardis Arme Baker, daughter of Mrs. Mildred J. Baker, Berkeley, November 7.

Gerald Melbourne Oches, Dimond, November 7.
Kermeth Ray Loveland, Dimond, November 7.
Alpha Magnon Lee, Dimond, November 7.
Farlow Donald Addis, Dimond, November 7.
John Anthony Monte, Hayward, November 7.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

November 6 and 7.
Eunice Harmon, Berkeley.
Harold Kay Noall, Berkeley.
Robert Tracy Stout, Berkeley.
Laddie Dean Rice, Berkeley.
Lars Edward Andrews, Berkeley.
Donald Herbert Weiland, Dimond.
Robert Fred Folkerson, Dimond.
Neil A. Dumford, Dimond.

ORDINATIONS, November 7:

Maurice McFadden, Dimond, priest.
Grant McN. Osborn, Berkeley, priest.
Donald Schipper, Elmhurst, teacher.
John R. Paine, Elmhurst, deacon.
Robert L. Hunter, Elmhurst, deacon.
Phillip A. Lewis, Hayward, deacon.
Elmand L. Peterson, Hayward, deacon.
Milton Wells, Hayward, deacon.

MARRIAGES:

Raymond O. Cherry and Mary Perry of Dimond, on November 20, by Bishop Rufus O. Phelps.
William Louis Fowls and Olga Lott of Berkeley, on November 20, by Bishop Alma D. Erickson.
Thomas Stephen Merrill and Ruth La Vin Cragin of Berkeley, on November 1, by Bishop Alma D. Erickson.
Robert Frank Bird and Ellen Anderson of Berkeley, on November 20, by Bishop Alma D. Erickson.
Thomas Ellis Edwards and Orilla Brierley, at Vallejo on November 2, by Bishop Alvin G. Cheshire.

HAYWARD

The M Men and Gleaners sponsored a dance which was thoroughly enjoyed by thirty-five couples. The M Men have a class of nineteen this year even though we do not have a basketball team.

Mary Stewart and her counselors have been released from the presidency of the Relief Society. Sarah Johnston has been chosen as the new president with Armerel H. Wells as 1st counselor and Grace Reinking acting as secretary.

The Sunday School had to be reorganized because Superintendent W. T. Webb became a member of the bishopric. William A. Millet has been sustained as the new Superintendent. He has chosen Maurice McFadden and Bernard Stewart as assistants and Leona Webb as Secretary.

The Y. M. M. I. A. had to be reorganized because Claude Lundquist moved to Dimond. Harold B. Haws has been sustained as Superintendent with Keith Christensen as his first counselor and Elwood Johnston as secretary.

We are pleased to welcome the Ryder and Teeple families to our Ward.

A dance sponsored by the Priesthood was given in honor of Dr. Leo J. Parry and Glen C. Rounds, the retiring members of the branch presidency. Tokens of appreciation for their labors in the form of a book were given to these brethren.

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